

- The creation of pleasant outdoor or sheltered areas of rest and recreation within the downtown area.
- Landscaping the physical approaches to downtown Smithfield.

Ways and means to carry out various portions of the Plan are essential if the above stated goals and objectives are to be converted into reality. Prompt actions such as those listed below should be soon taken as hesitation and postponement invariably incur added cost at a later date. Opportunities, once lost, often cannot be regained in the future. The "Smithfield Plan" currently in progress, serves as a most opportune front runner for the more basic, long-range improvements to come; and for enlivening and sustaining public enthusiasm in community planning projects. It is urgent that:

- The tobacco warehouses located in the heart of the town be torn down and relocated.
- Some form of public or quasi-public body be established to handle such downtown revitalization problems as off-street parking, land assemblage, promotional projects of various types, etc.
- A bypass for U. S. Highway 70 around Smithfield be given serious consideration, in order to forestall future traffic congestion in downtown and ensure safety of the downtown pedestrian population.
- The "Smithfield Plan", as a framework for community-wide improvement projects, be institutionalized and elements of the proposals contained herein be added to the "Plan" from time to time so that they may be duly implemented with wider citizen participation.